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## A TRUISM OF FOREIGN POLICY

What's the matter with the United States? Why does she hardly ever seem able any more to act strongly, bravely, firmly - to stand behind the fine principles which used to be synonymous with the word America? These questions are asked more and more in recent weeks. They are asked because of the issuance from Washington of mountainous words that gave forth little pipsqueak mice whenever we came up against the Red challenge, especially in Cuba.

The answer lies in a truism

of international relations - one that cannot be repeated often enough. It is that there is no such thing as love among nations. There never has been, there is not now and, despite the utopian dreams of the world-government boys, there never will be so far as any of us can see into the future. Among nations, in their relations with each other, there is only respect, or lack of it, and (we may as well face it) fear - fear of another nation's power and strength, and its determination to use

it in its own interest.

For a good many years of our history we understood this truism of international life. We did not try to make other nations love us. We stated our principles, made it understood that we intended to back them up, and welcomed any other nation willing to go along with us. The result was that we enjoyed the respect of the whole world. Its love we could live without. Then we set out deliberately to win friends and influence people not on the basis of our own principles and interest, but on theirs or what we thought were theirs. Now poor old Uncle Sam is so tangled up in the aims and interests of Britain or France or the Middle East or Southeast Asia or Latin

America or Africa or a collection of socialist countries in the United Nations that he seems unable to lift even one arm in defense of his own principles. We are not going to win the life-and-death struggle with the Red menace, particularly in this hemisphere, with beautiful words. This does not necessarily mean it must be won with military weapons, but it does mean that the world must understand that we are returning to our time-honored principles - especially those embodied in the Monroe Doctrine - and that we intend to back them up regardless of what others may think of us. Anything less, at this stage of the game, is inviting sure disaster. And time is fast running out.

### **CURIOUS BLIND SPOT**

Here at home a big problem has been that our Presidents, in the last 25 years, evidently lacked sound knowledge about the basic communist threat to our institutions and way of life. There might have been some excuse for this many years ago, when nearly all of us were pretty ignorant about the aims and techniques of communist sub-

version. But ignorance - or refusal to face the facts - is no longer a valid excuse. The evidence is too overwhelming. It was President Franklin D. Roosevelt who once told the chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee to stop investigating communists - that there was no threat from communism here. He was followed by President

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Harry Truman, who called the Alger Hiss case a 'red her-ring' and promoted a man named Harry Dexter White to a higher post after the FBI informed Truman of White's communist connections. Then came President Eisenhower, who turned his wrath not against the subversives in government, but against Senator McCarthy who was trying to expose them. Now President Kennedy seems to be following in the footsteps of his predecessors. He seems to think that anyone who calls attention to these derelictions on the part of our Presidents is questioning their loyalty. Of course, no sane American wants to be put in the position of seeming to

disparage the loyalty of a President. But this is not a question of loyalty; certainly the majority of Americans have faith in the loyalty of their Presidents. But a man can be loyal and still make mistakes — sometimes terrible mistakes — through ignorance, or bad advice, or refusal to take all the facts into careful consideration.

In a recent press conference, President Kennedy took occasion to reprimand those who are troubled about the manner in which communists and communist objectives have so seriously infiltrated our institutions and our thinking. He said these people ought to pay more attention to Red subversion in Laos and Vietnam, to Moscow's exploitation of poor nations. This reveals a curious blind spot not only on Mr. Kennedy's part, but on the part of a large portion of American officialdom in recent years. It embraces two dangerously fallacious ideas. One is that the communist threat stops at the three-mile limit; that communism is something to be concerned about only in the faraway places of the world. Could this be why it seems much more important to fight it more vigorously — now and

then - 10,000 miles away rather than 90 miles from our shores in Cuba?

The other dangerous idea is that communism inside the United States is no menace unless a wild-eyed, bushy-haired revolutionist brandishes a bomb and threatens to blow up a government building. But that is not how real subversives work. They work to implant their ideas and aims in the minds of otherwise perfectly good Americans, who then carry forward communist *objectives* without even realizing what has been put over

on them. That's the reason for Red front organizations, for concentration on means of communication, on schools, on strategic spots in government. Perhaps Mr. Kennedy, who is said to be a voracious reader, ought to spend some time reading up on this subject. There is a mass of sound literature available, including official reports of committees of the Congress. He would find it just as interesting, if not more so, as the literature of certain Harvard New Frontiersmen of which he is said to be so fond

## QUACK EDUCATION

Last week we mentioned the amazing failure chalked up by so-called 'progressive' or modern education in New York City, when the Superintendent of Schools had to admit that a great batch of 7th, 8th and 9th grade pupils cannot read 3rd grade books. If you wonder how these weird methods of what is called 'teaching' persist in our schools, here is a little hint.

A gentleman named Dr. Eldridge McSwain recently made a speech to the Kentucky Education Association. That's a state branch of the NEA - the big Washington educational

lobby which smears all its critics as 'enemies of public education.' Dr. McSwain is Dean of Northwestern University's School of Education - a school which trains teachers. According to the dean, you are supposed to pay your taxes to support the public schools and then keep your mouth shut. He is very disturbed because, as he put it 'too long now we have followed the idea that the schools belong to the people. They do not.' Seemingly, he thinks they belong to the modern educationists to do with as they please, without inter-

ference from taxpayers and parents. Dr. McSwain hauled off with what he obviously thought was a real nifty. He said that listening to the public on education is like saying the medical profession should ask the public about treatment. Now, really! Surely the dean of a School of Education ought to be able to think a little straighter than that. In the first place, anyone who doesn't like one doctor is free to go to another, but public education is

compulsory. In the second place, has the good dean never heard of quack medicine? National and state medical associations and state licensing officials constantly plead with the public to report on and help stamp out quackery in the medical profession. And whether Dean McSwain knows it or not, there are a tremendous number of competent authorities who believe that what is going on in our schools under the modernists is quack education.

*Foregoing items covered in Mutual network broadcast 4/30/61*

## **Book Review** **REDS, UN, FOREIGN AID**

**RIPENING FRUIT** by T. Coleman Andrews, 24 pages, Patrick Henry Group, Richmond, Va., \$.40.

**SHOULD WE STRENGTHEN THE UNITED NATIONS?** by V. Orval Watts, 48 pages, The Freedom School, Colorado Springs, Colo., \$.75.

**THE PATCHWORK HISTORY OF FOREIGN AID** by Lorna and Felix Morley, 55 pages, American Enterprise Assn., Washington, D.C., \$1.00.

Each of these pamphlets covers, briefly and succinctly, three of our major modern problems.

T. Coleman Andrews, former Commissioner of Internal Revenue, is a forthright opponent of the income tax and a leading spokesman for American conservatism. His little booklet, a reprint of a recent speech, is in the good tradition of dramatic and stirring pamphleteering. He is not talking here about the income tax, but about you and me. We are the ripening fruit - ready, if it is not saved in time, to fall into the maw of the Red Bear. His title comes from an old boast by Nikolai Lenin: 'First we

will take Eastern Europe; next, the masses of Asia; then we shall encircle the last bastion of capitalism, the United States of America. We shall not have to attack; it will fall like an overripe fruit into our hands.'

Mr. Andrews tells us how close we have come to the fulfillment of that boast; how we have traveled much of the terrible road under 'The Cover' of Fabian socialism until, in 1960, a British Methodist minister, and lecturer at Yale University, could say: 'The West must search for world government, and we must face the fact that Khrushchev will be the first president.' Mr. Andrews lays it right on the line: '...We have already passed the time when we could afford the luxury of doing nothing about all this.'

There are those, of course, who work incessantly toward

the Methodist minister's goal through the medium of the United Nations. Dr. V. Orval Watts, with a rich background of scholarship, dissects this monstrous body carefully and cogently in his brochure and answers with a ringing 'NO' the question in his title. Here is plenty of chapter and verse with which to answer the waves of slick UN propaganda that inundate us.

Dr. Morley and his daughter, in their booklet, provide a badly needed analysis of how the whole patchwork of foreign handouts grew into the Goliath which confronts us today. They make no judgments on the effectiveness or the failures of the various giveaways. But they do relate them to the serious international balance of payments crisis, which the Washington bureaucrats hope they can 'solve' without going to the root of the cause.

- Rosalie Gordon

## "THE NEW GUARD"

College students, their parents and friends will be interested to know that that dynamic organization of young conservatives, Young Americans for Freedom, is now publishing their own monthly magazine. It is called **THE NEW GUARD** and from what we have seen of it, it should go a long way toward counteracting the 'liberal'-leftism of most campus publications. Price: \$.25 per copy; \$3.00 yearly. Write to **THE NEW GUARD**, 343 Lexington Ave., New York 16, N.Y.

## A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME?

"Television in the United States seems to have run into a spot of ethnic trouble. A program dealing with the gang wars in Chicago in the 1920s found itself under attack from Italian organizations because many of the gangsters in the series were given Italian names. The producers yielded to the pressure and now the 'bad guys' sport names like Haller, Konitz and Davis.

"This is reminiscent of the troubles of the movie companies in an earlier generation. They were deluged with so many protests from national and religious groups - and even from foreign governments - that one studio issued orders that in the future all villains must be white, Protestant Americans of Anglo-Saxon descent.

"And now, to the accompaniment of sinister music, there enters the boss of the south side mob: Courtney Algernon Witherspoon, the Third." - *Toronto (Can.) GLOBE AND MAIL*

## ALARMING TRUTH

"The alarming truth is that this average American spends more of his working day earning money to pay his taxes than he does for any other major item in the family's budget. And taxes continue to increase - local, state and national.

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- Gibbon (Minn.) GAZETTE

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